

2018 MID-YEAR REPORT



Congressman Tom O'Halleran



THE NUMBERS

478

Outreach
meetings

33,649

Arizonans
Met

43,741

Response letters to
constituents

16

Town halls, round
tables, and open
office hours

33

Meetings with
tribal groups

90

Meetings with Arizona
businesses, leaders,
and organizations

145

Federal issues
resolved

\$187,188

Returned to 1st
District Residents

290

Bills
cosponsored

77.5%

of cosponsored bills
are bipartisan

93

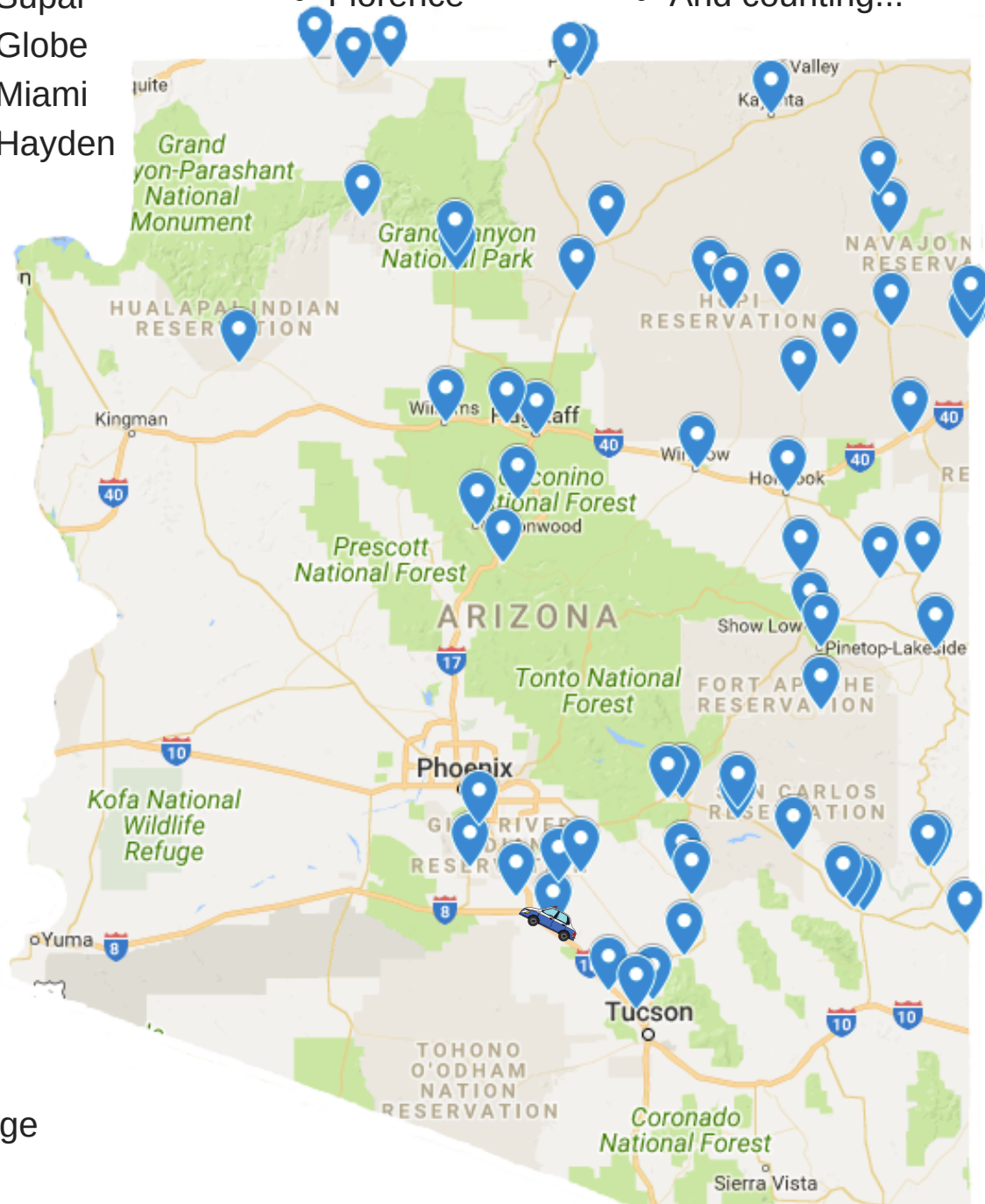
Mobile offices
across the District

30

Communities
visited

TOM IN YOUR TOWN

- Morenci
- Duncan
- Winslow
- Holbrook
- Snowflake
- Show Low
- Chandler
- Oro Valley
- Marana
- Casa Grande
- Maricopa
- Dudleyville
- Keams Canyon
- Tuba City
- San Carlos
- Oracle
- Sedona
- Camp Verde
- Phoenix
- Tucson
- Cottonwood
- Whiteriver
- Window Rock
- Indian Wells
- Bylas
- Peridot
- Eloy
- Fort Defiance
- Chinle
- Cameron
- Kayenta
- Grand Canyon Village
- St. Johns
- Springerville
- Flagstaff
- Peach Springs
- Second Mesa
- Williams
- Fredonia
- Tusayan
- Supai
- Globe
- Miami
- Hayden
- Safford
- Thatcher
- Pima
- Pinetop-Lakeside
- Clifton
- Coolidge
- Ganado
- Greasewood
- Florence
- St. Michaels
- Bellemont
- Many Farms
- Page
- Whiteriver
- Colorado City
- Kykotsmobi Village
- Chambers
- And counting...



CONSTITUENT SUCCESS STORIES

Phyllis, Oracle: Phyllis notified my office that she was unable to communicate with Medicare, her policy was dropped, and she had no Social Security or Medicare. My staff was able to address the issue. Shortly after she reached out to my office for assistance, her Medicare was reinstated, and she is going to receive \$18,000 in backpay that she was owed.

Diane: Diane applied for Social Security Disability Insurance in 2014 due to a multiple sclerosis diagnosis. She was facing severe hardship and was unable to get the issue resolved and her backpay released. My staff was able to work with her and the Social Security Administration, and she finally received her award. The case was successfully resolved, and she had \$79,000 of backpay, dating back to 2014 for her multiple sclerosis claim, released. In addition, she will receive \$2,363 a month.

William, Show Low: William, an Arizona veteran, visited the weekly mobile office held at the Show Low VFW to receive assistance with his VA treatment. His primary care physician put in three different referrals for care, but almost a year later none of the referrals had come through. While there were some delays, my staff was finally able to get all of his concerns addressed. William was very happy with the help from my staff, and during a recent VA Town Hall in Show Low, he stood up to make comments regarding his experience with my office and the success in receiving his care.

Jason, Pinetop-Lakeside: Jason called my office for help getting his VA pension reestablished. The problem was that Jason did not update his address with the VA and his checks were being returned by the Post Office. He called my office when he ran out of money and was facing eviction. My staff contacted the VA Pension Management Center and helped straighten everything out. Jason received a lump sum check for all the past due payment that had been returned and will start to receive his normal monthly checks.

DELIVERING FOR ARIZONA FAMILIES





U.S. House Approves \$1 Million in Funding for Abandoned Uranium Mine Cleanup

The U.S. House this week unanimously passed an amendment to help fund the cleanup of the sites. "Across northern Arizona uranium mining has a toxic legacy and many of my constituents continue to fight the cancers and diseases that were caused by radiation exposure decades ago," said Tom O'Halleran, who authored the amendment, in a speech on the House floor Thursday. (KNAU, 6/8)

House Passes O'Halleran Measure to Combat Opioid-Related Childhood Trauma

The House unanimously passed the Recognizing Early Childhood Trauma Related to Substance Abuse Act, a bipartisan bill introduced by Congressmen David Brat and Tom O'Halleran. The legislation will help address and reduce childhood trauma caused by the abuse of illegal substances by parents and guardians. (O'Halleran, 6/13)

House Passes Opioid Epidemic Provisions Introduced by Rep. O'Halleran

This week, the United States House of Representatives passed legislation to combat the opioid epidemic. Included among the bills are provisions authored and introduced by Rep. O'Halleran, including the Rural DOCS Act and the ROOT Act. (O'Halleran, 6/22)

House Passes NDAA, Includes O'Halleran Provisions

Congressman Tom O'Halleran voted to pass the FY19 NDAA. The legislative package, which allocates funds for military operations at home and abroad, includes critical investments and resources for Arizona's military installations and personnel. It also includes amendments introduced by O'Halleran to create jobs in Arizona and honor Native American servicemembers. (O'Halleran, 5/24)

Interior: Zinke has 'no intention' of revisiting Grand Canyon uranium mining ban

"I am pleased to see the Department of Interior has decided to continue protecting and preserving the Grand Canyon Withdrawal Area and surrounding areas by not pursuing uranium mining in northern Arizona. This mining and milling has had a lasting, toxic impact on the health of families and water and food quality throughout region. These communities cannot afford the impact continued mining would have." (Cronkite, 6/26)

WORKING TO GROW OUR LOCAL ECONOMY





O'Halleran Applauds Proposed Opportunity Zone Designations in AZ-01

Congressman Tom O'Halleran (AZ-01) commended the decision to target 28 census tracts in Arizona's First Congressional District for the Opportunity Zone designation by the Department of the Treasury. "There are communities throughout the First District that are yearning for good-paying jobs and a strong economy, but many have been left behind for years as they compete with urban, metropolitan areas," said Rep. O'Halleran. "The Opportunity Zone designation for these communities is an important step toward revitalizing these areas and creating jobs that can support the hardworking families." (O'Halleran, 4/24)

O'Halleran Joins Colleagues to Invest in Solar Education and Training for Vets

"Giving our returning servicemembers every opportunity to succeed in the workplace by connecting them to in-demand career opportunities has been a top priority of mine," said Rep. O'Halleran. "These are smart, commonsense efforts that make sense in Arizona, which is home to a booming solar industry. Our veterans are uniquely poised for these 21st century careers, and I am proud of the bipartisan work to give them the tools to succeed after serving their nation." (O'Halleran, 6/22)

Arizona's First District Becomes Member of Canada's Quarter Billion Club

The First Congressional District ranks as one of the top trading partners with Canada in terms of the value of goods exported on an annual basis. Last year alone, First District businesses exported \$262.71 million in goods. "Arizonans throughout the First District manufacture, grow, and produce some of the world's finest products, and trading with our international partners is critical for their success and the economic vitality of the entire region," said Rep. O'Halleran after receiving the award. (O'Halleran, 3/15)

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Arizona Reps Want More in Promise to Ban Uranium Mining Near Grand Canyon

Southern Arizona representatives Tom O'Halleran and Raúl Grijalva have asked for a formal announcement on the banning of uranium mining near the Grand Canyon in a letter to U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke. The letter said the Interior Department has made such a promise in tweets, but that the members of Congress want something more formal. (AZPM, 7/2)

O'Halleran targets Administration's use of military planes in defense bill debate

"Some are indeed rightfully required to travel exclusively by [military aircraft] for national security purposes. But for everyone else there's rules," O'Halleran said. "That's why I and many other Americans have been outraged by report after report surfacing that senior administration officials are abusing ethics rules and improperly using military aircraft for travel." (The Hill, 5/9)

O'Halleran Sends Letter Urging Speaker Ryan to Cancel August Recess

"With so much at stake for the communities we represent and so much unfinished business before our chamber, we urge you to follow Senate Majority Leader McConnell's decision to remain in session during the August recess," the lawmakers wrote to the Speaker. "Most hardworking Americans don't get a month off, and neither should Members of Congress. Instead, we should be in Washington working overtime and focusing on priorities for families and communities." (O'Halleran, 6/8)

House Passes O'Halleran-Led Bill to Ensure Tax Services in Rural Communities

The United States House of Representatives voted unanimously to pass H.R. 5440, a bipartisan bill introduced by Congresswoman Karen Handel (GA-06) and Congressman Tom O'Halleran (AZ-01) to increase transparency at the IRS and support local Taxpayer Assistance Centers. (O'Halleran, 4/17)

PROTECTING CARE FOR ARIZONANS





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O'Halleran concerned about rural programs on the administration's chopping block

Congressman O'Halleran, a representative of District 1 in Arizona, feels that the budget recently proposed by the Trump Administration "...would hurt rural communities, veterans and seniors." "I think that major corporations are going to make out great. But, we know that most jobs comes from small business — especially in rural America," he added. (White Mountain Independent, 3/2)

O'Halleran Hosts Panel Discussion on Rural Health Care

Congressman Tom O'Halleran, chair of the House Blue Dog Special Task Force on Rural America, hosted a panel to discuss access to rural health care, rising costs of health care and insurance, and the need for investing in 21st century technology like telemedicine. He was joined by the National Rural Health Association, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, American Telemedicine Association, and the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association. (O'Halleran, 7/11)

O'Halleran Votes to Pass Legislation to Protect Seniors' Access to Medicare

Congressman O'Halleran voted to pass the bipartisan H.R. 849, the Protecting Seniors Access to Medicare Act. This legislation repeals the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB), and protects access to Medicare for America's seniors. (Roll call 604)

KEEPING OUR PROMISES TO VETERANS





In Letter O'Halleran, Sinema Question Poor Quality of Health Care at Prescott VA

This week, Congressman Tom O'Halleran (AZ-01) and Congresswoman Kyrsten Sinema (AZ-09) sent a letter to Barbara Oemcke, Medical Center Director of the Northern VA Health Care System, seeking answers regarding recently-revealed poor quality of care and health outcomes at the Community Living Center in Prescott. (O'Halleran, 6/22)

After Leading Congressional Efforts, O'Halleran Announces Funds For Vets Home

Flagstaff learned Friday that it will receive federal funding to construct an 80-bed nursing home for veterans on McMillan Mesa, Flagstaff leaders announced Friday. The federal government has allocated funding to complete 52 projects on the 2018 list, and Flagstaff is number 52, Mayor Coral Evans said. Evans also said Ducey, senators John McCain and Jeff Flake, Congressman Tom O'Halleran and Victor Daniels, from the Arizona VA were instrumental in helping the city receive the grant for the home. (AZ Daily Sun, 4/15)

O'Halleran Leads Blue Dog Panel on the needs of Rural Veterans

Congressman Tom O'Halleran, chair of the House Blue Dog Special Task Force on Rural America, hosted a panel to discuss the needs of veterans living in rural and tribal communities, including access to high-quality health care and long-term nursing care. He was joined by representatives from the VFW, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, and the National Congress of American Indians. (Blue Dog Caucus, 5/10)

O'Halleran Works to Prevent Opioid Overprescription to Military Families & Retirees

TRICARE beneficiaries, including retirees, experiencing acute pain can easily fall victim to opioid addiction without realizing it until it is too late. No one should be walking away from their doctor's appointment with a prescription for more pain medication than necessary, and according to the CDC anything more than a seven day supply is rarely needed," said Congressman O'Halleran. "This commonsense measure will place a reasonable limit on opioid prescriptions to prevent abuse and addiction." (O'Halleran, 6/20)



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